

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1 through 35 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A carton and liner assembly, said assembly ~~including~~ comprising:
 an open topped carton erected from a carton blank and a liner, each of said liner and said carton having side walls and a base defining an internal cavity, said liner located in the internal cavity of said carton when assembled and said liner having a rim on one or more uppermost edges of said side walls which engages with at least a part of one or more of the side walls of said carton ~~and characterised in that the carton is secured to the liner by means of adhesive applied to the base and/or side walls of the liner and/or carton ; and adhesive applied to at least one member from the group consisting of said base and said side walls of said liner and said carton.~~

2. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein
said internal cavity of ~~the~~ said liner is used for the containment of one or more food products.

3. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 2 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein
 the one or more food products require heating or cooking in ~~the~~ said carton and liner
 assembly in use.

4. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein
said liner is formed from a plastics material.

5. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 4 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein
said plastics material is ~~CPET~~ crystalline polyethylene terephthalate.

6. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 5 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said plastics material is foamed ~~CPET crystalline polyethylene terephthalate~~
7. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said carton is formed from board material.
8. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said carton and/or said liner are in the form of tray shaped receptacles.
9. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 8 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the tray shaped receptacles have a base which has a larger surface area than the side walls thereof.
10. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the bases of ~~the~~ said carton and/or said liner are substantially planar.
11. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the liner and/or carton are provided with radiused corners where the respective side walls meet and where the edges which define the respective bases meet.
12. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the outer surface of the liner and/or the inner surface of the carton are provided with substantially planar side walls.

13. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the outer surface of the liner and/or the inner surface of the carton are provided with one or more rib members thereon.
14. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said adhesive used to secure said ~~the~~ carton and ~~the~~ said liner together is food safe and can operate over a temperature range of -40 to +220 degrees Centigrade.
15. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein ~~the~~ said rim of ~~the~~ said liner overlies one or more of the uppermost edges of ~~the~~ said side walls of ~~the~~ said carton to provide engagement therebetween.
16. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a clip arrangement is provided for engagement of the rim of the liner with one or more of the uppermost edges of the side walls of the carton.
17. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 16 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said rim of ~~the~~ said liner is in the form of a channel shaped member and the uppermost edges of ~~the~~ said side walls of ~~the~~ said carton are provided with a flange for engagement in the channel of said channel shaped member.
18. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 17 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said flange of ~~the~~ said carton is substantially flexible.

19. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that the~~ wherein said carton is provided with printed matter on an outer surface thereon relating to one or more food products articles ~~contained in the said~~ liner.

20. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a carton and liner assembly, ~~said assembly~~ including an open topped carton erected from a carton blank and a liner, each of said liner and said carton having side walls and a base defining an internal cavity, ~~characterised in that~~ said method ~~includes~~ comprising the steps of:
 - depositing adhesive on at least one member from the group consisting of the base and/or side walls of the carton and/or liner;
 - bringing the liner and carton together so that the liner is located in the internal cavity of said carton; and
 - optionally applying pressure on the liner base to secure the carton to the liner, such that when the carton and liner are assembled, a rim on one or more uppermost edges of said side walls of said liner engages with at least a part of one or more of the side walls of said carton.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the liner and carton are located together when the adhesive is wet.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the carton and liner assembly are moved, lowered or lifted from the point of assembly and deposited in a nesting arrangement.

23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the carton and liner assemblies are assembled as a nested stack.
24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the assembly is moved prior to completion of drying of the adhesive between the carton and liner forming the assembly.
25. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the liner is located in the internal cavity of the carton after the adhesive has dried.
26. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 25 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cartons and/or liners are shaped so as to provide a pre-determined space between a first carton or liner base and the base or a further carton or liner nested therein.
27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the side walls of the carton and/or liner are tapered outwardly from the base to the uppermost edges thereof.
28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein one or more flaps are provided on the carton or liner to limit the movement of a further carton or liner located in the internal cavity thereof during nesting.
29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the

pre-determined space is a distance greater than the thickness or height of adhesive applied to the base of a lower carton and/or liner.

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the carton is constructed by adhering side walls panels thereof to flaps provided on adjacent side walls and which are disposed internally of the carton, the flaps providing a protrusion internally of the carton which limits movement of a carton nested in the internal cavity of another cavity, thereby providing said pre-determined distance between the bases of said cartons.
31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the carton is engaged with the liner in a single step.
32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the carton is erected from a simple blank as a separate step in the method process.
33. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 20 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein that respective side walls of the carton are adhered together by means of extension flaps which extend around the side corners of the carton.
34. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 33 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein between the side walls and the extension flaps there is provided an arcuately shaped panel.

35. A (Currently Amended) method according to claim 34 characterised in that wherein the panel is provided with a series of lines of weakness extending radially away from an inner curved edge of the panel to an outer curved edge of the panel.